

Meeting Minutes
Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Date: February 13, 2018

Members Present:

Al Schroetel, Cape Fear Cyclists
Barnes Sutton, Town of Navassa
Katie Ryan, Wrightsville Beach
Karin Mills, Wilmington
John Carter, Town of Leland
Carol Stein, Pender County
Shawn Spencer, New Hanover County
Nick Cannon, UNCW
John Absi, Cape Fear Cyclist
John Allen, Bellville
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO

Additional Guests:

Pat O'Mahony, Pender County
Jason O'Brien, WMPO
Mike Kozlosky, WMPO
Bethel Paris, East Coast Greenway

1. Call to Order
 - A. Lorenzo called the meeting to order.

2. Public comment period
No public comment.

3. Approval of minutes from November 11, 2017

All in favor of approval of minutes

4. New Business

- S. Spencer and K. Ryan are nominated as Chairman and Vice Chairman. All in favor of S. Spencer for Chairman. All in favor of K. Ryan as Vice Chairman.
- Lorenzo went over bicycle ordinance documents in Agenda packet. A subcommittee made up of TCC members will review upon committee's approval.
- J. Carter asked if there would be more of a benefit to have more categories of use. A. Lorenzo answered that it may give a broader reach but the model ordinance can be altered to how the committee feels would be best.
- K. Mills expressed concern about requiring bicycle parking for change of use would be excessive.
- B. Paris suggested using a parking space for bicycle parking.
- K. Mills suggested changing the applicability statement to not require additional bicycle parking with change of use. It was suggested that it apply to new development only.
- M. Kozlosky asked if they committee had looked into bicycle corrals versus individual parking spaces.
- A. Lorenzo asked that committee members provide comments and suggestions regarding the ordinance by the end of the month. A. Lorenzo will meet with a TCC subcommittee and have a final ordinance to present to committee at April meeting.

5. Discussion

- A. Lorenzo explained that changes to R2S ride will have to go through TCC and WMPO Board.
- K. Ryan corrected the notes from the R2S subcommittee meeting that the showpiece aspect of the ride was still present and the educational piece had been lost.
- K. Ryan presented to the subcommittee that the R2S ride had not been held for 28 consecutive years.
- A. Schroetel stated that the mission of the R2S Ride's mission had changed. He explained that police escorts through intersections is not a realistic scenario and the safety aspect has been lost.
- A. Lorenzo updated the committee that she had questions from the community about when the event was happening
- S. Spencer updated the group that the subcommittee meeting had suggested that the R2S ride be changed to an event rather than a ride, showcasing the Cross City Trail and increasing the educational aspect of bicycling.
- C. Stein updated the group about liability insurance for the group. WMPO is able to cover the costs of the insurance for the event. She also gave information on the suggestion from the subcommittee meeting of various routes and start times for the proposed event.

- M. Kozlosky expressed concerns of changing the R2S ride to a new event would require a lot of additional effort.
- K. Ryan mentioned that the idea of changing the event has been brought up for several years.
- C. Stein said that the “seesawing” effect of the mass ride is a safety concern.
- J. Carter asked if it would be possible to use MLK as a route option, blocking off a section for a couple hours on the event date. S. Spencer said from his experience there are logistical issues with using MLK.
- K. Mills suggested starting the event earlier to reduce the number of participants and the traffic on the road. She expressed that she did not want to see the branding of river to sea to change. She suggesting limiting the number of people by requiring registration and having a cap of the number of people.
- B. Paris and M. Kozlosky asked if the committee wanted to continue the event.
- C. Stein said that limiting the number and moving up the start time and providing information through a flyer could help solve some of the issues brought up by the committee. After these modifications, the committee could evaluate if the issues were still present.
- M. Kozlosky suggested that if the committee would like to have a cross city trail event, the date should be moved to later in the year to allow for time to plan.
- C. Stein proposed that this year be continued with an earlier start time and a cap of riders. An additional event on the cross city trail is an option to showcase the trail.
- S. Spencer announced that the subcommittee will reconvene and discuss further planning of the R2S Ride.
- There was a vote on C. Stein's proposition for R2S ride of **limiting the numbers and having an earlier start time. There was one opposed.
- S. Spencer went over the topic of electric assist bikes. The State has classified that e-bikes are not motorized vehicles and therefore are allowed on trails.
- J. Carter voiced his opinion that electric assist bikes will be problematic as far as for safety and land use.
- P. O'Mahony provided an update on the US 17 Project. The county went with 5 foot sidewalks on each side for about 5.5 miles.
- A. Schroetel expressed that a multiuse path would be a great opportunity.
- P. O'Mahony updated that a multiuse path was considered but the cost was a barrier.
- B. Paris asked if the county had looked into any other sources of funding.
- A. Schroetel suggested a resolution to support increased bicycle facilities. The resolution could be approved electronically.

6. Announcements

- WMPO TDM position has been posted and applications will be received through the end of the month.
- WMPO Board meeting February 29th at 3 p.m.

7. Next Meeting

- April 3rd, 2018 at 3 p.m. S. Spencer motioned to move the meeting. A second by C. Stein. All in favor.
- B. Sutton updated the committee on bicycle plan for Navassa.
- S. Spencer suggested a resolution of support for Navassa's More than a Trail Plan.

8. Adjournment

- A. Schroetel motioned to adjourn. A second by C. Stein.

**K. Mills suggested to limit the number of riders and make everyone pre-register. S. Spencer expressed concern that this would not work because of "ghost riders".

**A. Schroetel suggested a cap of 200 riders and required registration.